THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) There are no confirmed reports in this regard.

Law and Order situation in J and K

374. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing status of law and order situation in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is a fact that terrorist activities in the State have been increased by ISI agents during the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of ISI agents arrested so far and action taken against them as well as with the concerned foreign Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The overall existing law and order situation in J and K continuous to be grim but under control. In recent years, terrorist groups and Jehadi elements with the active support of Pak ISI tried to keep up the level of militancy in J and K as evident from the militancy related violence statistics as given below:

Militants activities in J and K

	1999	2000	2001 (Upto to July 15th)
No. of Incidents	3071	3074	2299
Civilians Killed	821	762	466
SFs Killed	356	397	273
Militants Killed	1082	1520	865
Foreign militants killed (Upto May, 2001)	305	436	200

(d) As informed by the State Government in the current year from

1st January 2001 to 15th July 2001, 56 persons were arrested under substantive laws as suspects in connection with terrorism.

Mass demonstration by women in Imphal against Manipur ceasefire

†375. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a mass demonstration by the women opposing to the ceasefire in Imphal;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that police had lathicharged women's demonstration as a result thereof number of women had got serious injuries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Violence broke out in Imphal and Thoubal towns during the torch light processing (July 5) organized by All Manipur Social Reformation and Development Samaj (AMSRDS), an apex body of Meira Paibis and Macha Leima (women's organizations), as the rallyists had confrontation with the police. During the procession in Imphal, Police had to resort to lathicharge as about 20,000 rallyists defied curfew and made attempts to enter Imphal town from different ares of Porompat, Heingang, Wangkhei, Uripok, Keishampat, Sagolband and Chingmeirong of Greater Imphal. One woman was killed in the melee and 11 others were injured. In Thoubal, the police had to burst tear gas shells and to resort to lathi charge against processionists (6000) who defied police orders and tried to proceed towards the

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.